



Research Brief

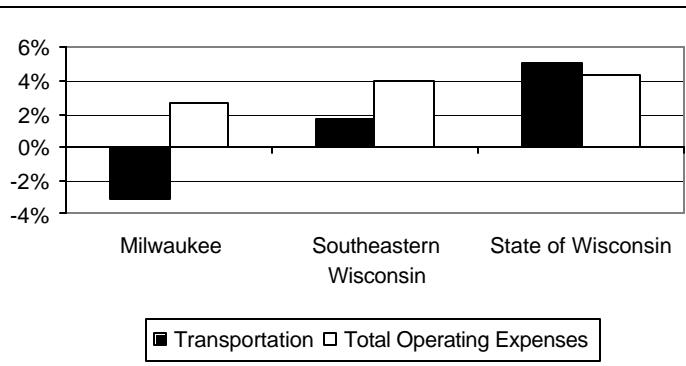
Busing Cuts Cause MPS to Lag in Spending Increases

The Forum's 16th annual report on public schooling in Southeastern Wisconsin reveals that spending increased 4% in Southeastern Wisconsin school districts to \$2.8 billion last year, although the Milwaukee Public Schools experienced a significantly smaller increase (2.7%). Part of this relatively small increase can be attributed to the district's 3% decrease in transportation spending, while the region's transportation spending increased 1.7%.

Over the past few years, the state legislature and MPS have instituted policies intended to decrease transportation spending. For example, the district changed its Chapter 220 transportation regions, and has implemented the Neighborhood Schools Initiative, which encourages students to attend their neighborhood schools and thus reduce the need for busing.

The Forum's 152-page schooling book is now available.

One-Year Change in Budgeted Spending



UNDERWRITTEN BY



EHLERS
& ASSOCIATES INC

LEADERS IN PUBLIC FINANCE ↑
Brookfield, WI 262.785.1520

Ehlers & Associates, Inc., with offices in Brookfield, Wisconsin, serves as an independent public financial advisor to school districts and municipalities throughout the upper Midwest. Ehlers is the top ranked advisory firm in competitive sales of municipal bonds in Wisconsin.

Volume 90, Number 8

August 26, 2002

2002 Highlights

- **Enrollment** - There was little change from last year. Enrollment for Southeastern Wisconsin increased 0.6% to 315,911, while the state's enrollment decreased 0.01% to 879,361. Charter school enrollment showed a significant increase this year, mostly because 15 of the 35 charter schools in the region were new in 2001.
- **Staffing** - Teachers in Southeastern Wisconsin received an average compensation (including salaries and fringe benefits) of \$62,447, 7% greater than teachers in the state. Teachers in the region received \$18,308 in fringe benefits, 13% more than state teachers received.
- **Attendance** - The attendance rates in every county in Southeastern Wisconsin decreased between 1999-00 and 2000-01. Attendance rates in the state decreased from 94.4% to 94.2%, while the seven-county area experienced a decrease of 0.6 percentage points. MPS' attendance rate decreased 0.9 percentage points between 1999-00 and 2000-01, from 88.1% to 87.2%.
- **Discipline** - In 2000-01, more students were habitually truant throughout Southeastern Wisconsin and the state than in the previous year. The truancy rate for the region increased 1.0 percentage points. Dropout rates decreased throughout the region and state. Milwaukee County's rate dropped from 6.41% to 6.36%, even though MPS' rate increased 0.1 percentage points.
- **Performance** - In 2000-01, the State of Wisconsin's average composite ACT score for high school seniors was 22.2. Whitefish Bay students scored the highest on the ACT with a score of 25.5. Graduation rates in the state and the region increased between 1999-00 and 2000-01, to 90% in the state and to 82.6% in the region.



Kenosha and Walworth Counties Spend Less, Have Smaller Classes than Region

For the first time this year, the Forum has included Kenosha and Walworth Counties in its public schooling book, thus expanding the analysis from a look at metropolitan Milwaukee to a data compilation for public schools in all of Southeastern Wisconsin. Kenosha and Walworth Counties have a total of 28 districts (13 and 15 respectively). These counties also have four union high school districts. Kenosha County's union districts have feeder districts that send their students to more than one union high school. In these cases the Forum has placed the districts in the high school districts that the feeder districts are closest to. This was done for comparison reasons and so that district totals were not counted twice in the county and region totals.

Kenosha County is the home of the fourth largest school district in the state, the Kenosha School District (20,553 enrollment in 2001-02). The Kenosha School District's status as an urban district has a similar effect on Kenosha County to the effect MPS has on Milwaukee County, tending to bring down such outcome indicators as graduation and attendance rates, while increasing truancy and dropout rates. Kenosha County also has the third highest percentage of minorities among counties in Southeastern Wisconsin (22% minority in 2001-02).

Walworth County is more comparable to the suburban counties of Ozaukee and Washington than to Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine, which, as we have seen, are largely urban. Walworth County was the sixth largest county in the area in terms of enrollment, and it also ranked sixth in population, according to 2000 census data, in the seven county area. Walworth County's total enrollment for 2001-02 was 15,083 students. Rather than having one large urban district that dominates the rest of the districts, Walworth County has several smaller districts.

The revenue picture for Kenosha County school districts is similar to that of Milwaukee and Racine Counties, reflecting the impact that the urban districts of Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine have on their counties' districts as a whole. Specifically, the three counties had a higher than average reliance on state aid (63% for Kenosha County as compared to 55% for Southeastern Wisconsin as a whole) and a lower than average reliance on property tax revenue.

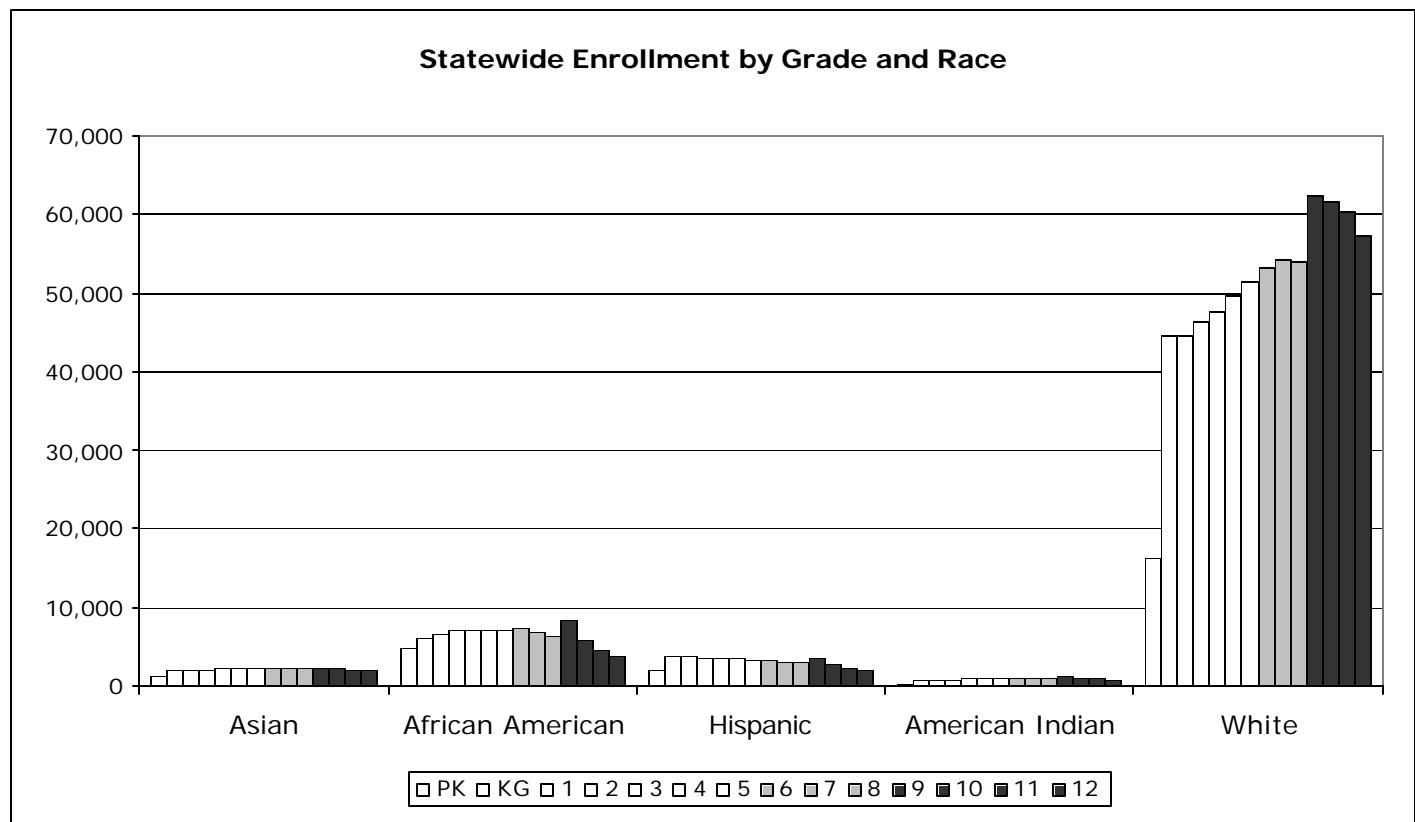
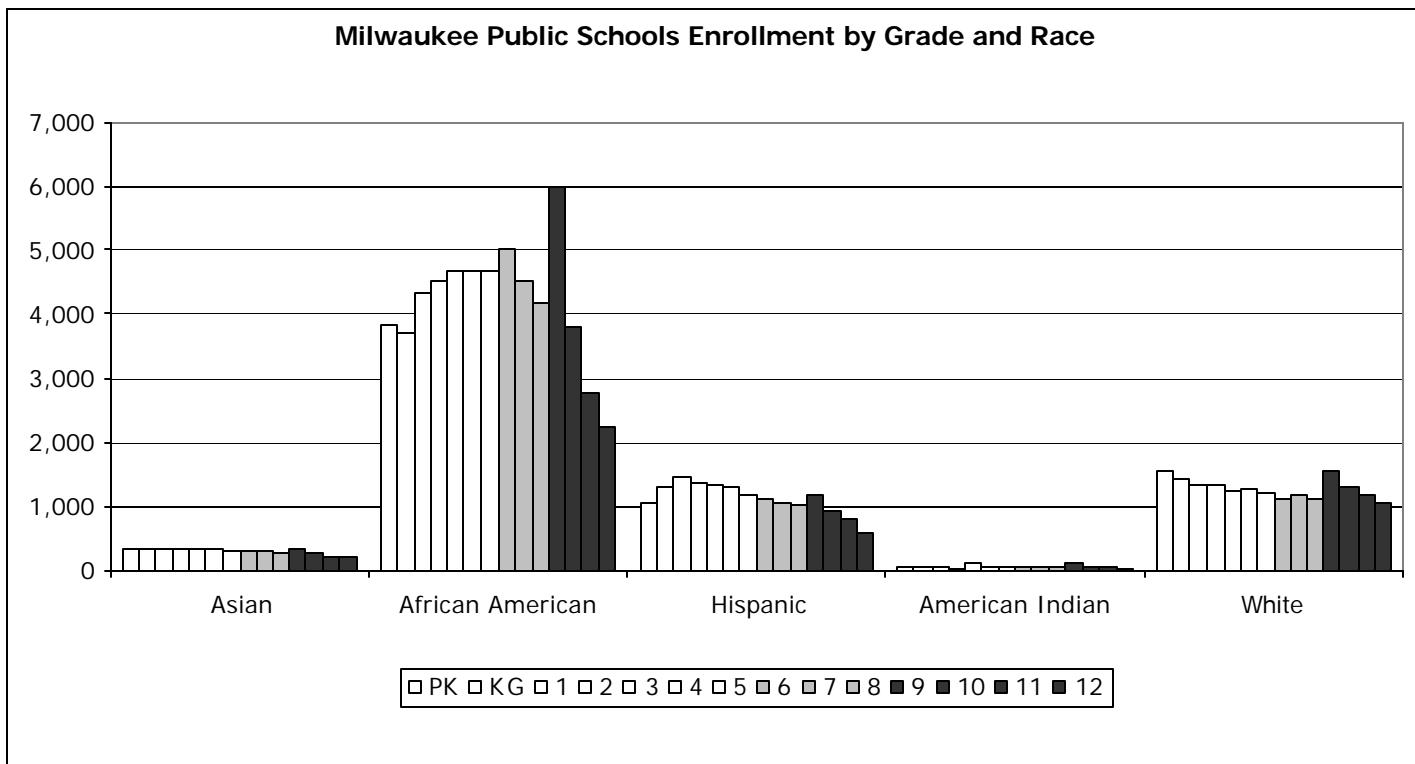
Both Kenosha and Walworth County school districts spent less per pupil than the Southeastern Wisconsin average as well as the state average. Walworth County especially stands out in terms of per pupil spending because its school districts spent the least per pupil (\$7,754 as compared to \$8,883 in Southeastern Wisconsin as a whole).

In terms of staffing, which is the final of the three inputs to school districts that the Forum considers, Walworth County had smaller class sizes than the region as a whole (14.8 and 15.4 pupils to teachers respectively), while Kenosha County's pupil-to-teacher ratio was also low (14.9:1). Kenosha and Walworth Counties both had significantly fewer minority staff members than the region (6%, 2%, and 17% respectively); however, most districts had fewer minority staff members than the region due to the overwhelming impact of MPS on the area. Finally, teachers in Kenosha and Walworth Counties made less money than their counterparts at the regional level. Specifically, Kenosha teachers received \$54,345 in total compensation, while Walworth County teachers got \$58,208, and the region's teachers received \$62,447.

Enrollment



2001-2002 Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade





2001-2002 Budgeted Per Pupil School Operations Expenses

| | Total Per Pupil School Operations Expenses | Instruction | Pupil Services | Instructional Staff Services | General Admin. | Building Admin. | Transportation | Other |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Milwaukee County | \$9,219 | \$5,575 | \$414 | \$468 | \$195 | \$575 | \$475 | \$1,517 |
| Milwaukee | \$8,948 | \$5,423 | \$423 | \$445 | \$202 | \$589 | \$573 | \$1,294 |
| Milwaukee Suburbs | \$9,795 | \$5,898 | \$396 | \$516 | \$182 | \$546 | \$265 | \$1,991 |
| Brown Deer | \$10,818 | \$6,273 | \$341 | \$488 | \$341 | \$760 | \$375 | \$2,239 |
| Cudahy | \$9,858 | \$6,139 | \$657 | \$531 | \$172 | \$468 | \$98 | \$1,793 |
| Franklin Public | \$10,139 | \$6,373 | \$517 | \$294 | \$259 | \$515 | \$431 | \$1,750 |
| Greendale | \$10,272 | \$6,035 | \$473 | \$645 | \$185 | \$541 | \$200 | \$2,193 |
| Greenfield | \$9,317 | \$5,715 | \$507 | \$476 | \$220 | \$527 | \$320 | \$1,552 |
| Nicolet Union | \$13,417 | \$7,370 | \$609 | \$799 | \$372 | \$700 | \$842 | \$2,725 |
| Fox Point J2 | \$13,071 | \$7,881 | \$505 | \$642 | \$409 | \$500 | \$993 | \$2,140 |
| Glendale-River Hills | \$11,836 | \$6,654 | \$412 | \$813 | \$262 | \$587 | \$941 | \$2,166 |
| Maple Dale-Indian Hill | \$14,711 | \$8,029 | \$533 | \$1,014 | \$511 | \$838 | \$1,021 | \$2,764 |
| Nicolet | \$14,330 | \$7,363 | \$857 | \$788 | \$380 | \$849 | \$598 | \$3,496 |
| Oak Creek-Franklin | \$8,016 | \$4,936 | \$269 | \$321 | \$113 | \$441 | \$434 | \$1,502 |
| Saint Francis | \$9,439 | \$5,997 | \$430 | \$559 | \$683 | \$383 | \$98 | \$1,289 |
| Shorewood | \$10,991 | \$7,206 | \$392 | \$662 | \$185 | \$624 | \$74 | \$1,848 |
| South Milwaukee | \$8,743 | \$5,502 | \$458 | \$608 | \$140 | \$526 | \$68 | \$1,440 |
| Wauwatosa | \$9,873 | \$5,997 | \$403 | \$552 | \$61 | \$606 | \$87 | \$2,165 |
| West Allis | \$9,059 | \$5,457 | \$132 | \$446 | \$101 | \$493 | \$211 | \$2,219 |
| Whitefish Bay | \$10,546 | \$6,023 | \$465 | \$799 | \$165 | \$644 | \$62 | \$2,388 |
| Whitnall | \$9,473 | \$5,283 | \$446 | \$376 | \$217 | \$537 | \$311 | \$2,303 |
| Ozaukee County | \$9,097 | \$5,614 | \$439 | \$433 | \$153 | \$489 | \$363 | \$1,607 |
| Cedarburg | \$8,467 | \$5,079 | \$389 | \$586 | \$170 | \$355 | \$300 | \$1,588 |
| Grafton | \$9,519 | \$5,742 | \$396 | \$387 | \$246 | \$594 | \$324 | \$1,828 |
| Mequon-Thiensville | \$9,648 | \$6,046 | \$544 | \$394 | \$99 | \$590 | \$457 | \$1,517 |
| Northern Ozaukee | \$8,604 | \$5,138 | \$209 | \$244 | \$223 | \$386 | \$432 | \$1,972 |
| Port Washington-Saukville | \$8,837 | \$5,623 | \$447 | \$420 | \$126 | \$444 | \$298 | \$1,478 |
| Racine County | \$8,073 | \$5,085 | \$377 | \$315 | \$116 | \$416 | \$360 | \$1,403 |
| Burlington Area | \$6,823 | \$4,443 | \$292 | \$279 | \$89 | \$472 | \$312 | \$935 |
| Racine | \$8,477 | \$5,363 | \$400 | \$324 | \$65 | \$403 | \$385 | \$1,536 |
| Union Grove Union | \$7,498 | \$4,680 | \$237 | \$274 | \$449 | \$333 | \$313 | \$1,212 |
| Dover #1 | \$9,021 | \$5,433 | \$145 | \$318 | \$211 | \$1,100 | \$417 | \$1,397 |
| Raymond #14 | \$7,100 | \$4,788 | \$91 | \$328 | \$577 | \$0 | \$432 | \$885 |
| Union Grove J1 | \$6,515 | \$3,911 | \$206 | \$221 | \$273 | \$470 | \$105 | \$1,329 |
| Union Grove UHS | \$8,242 | \$4,949 | \$439 | \$255 | \$516 | \$458 | \$364 | \$1,261 |
| Yorkville J2 | \$7,896 | \$5,263 | \$69 | \$338 | \$560 | \$0 | \$435 | \$1,231 |

Table 1 (Page 1 of 3)



2001-2002 Budgeted Per Pupil School Operations Expenses

| | Total Per Pupil School Operations Expenses | Instruction | Pupil Services | Instructional Staff Services | General Admin. | Building Admin. | Transportation | Other |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Waterford Union | \$7,050 | \$4,128 | \$410 | \$322 | \$284 | \$495 | \$269 | \$1,143 |
| North Cape | \$6,418 | \$3,678 | \$158 | \$147 | \$61 | \$892 | \$327 | \$1,155 |
| Norway J7 | \$9,006 | \$5,316 | \$116 | \$338 | \$153 | \$1,618 | \$366 | \$1,099 |
| Washington-Caldwell | \$7,172 | \$3,967 | \$113 | \$325 | \$742 | \$256 | \$409 | \$1,359 |
| Waterford Graded J1 | \$6,668 | \$3,722 | \$522 | \$445 | \$268 | \$448 | \$254 | \$1,008 |
| Waterford UHS | \$7,471 | \$4,693 | \$395 | \$178 | \$267 | \$408 | \$239 | \$1,291 |
| Washington County | \$8,218 | \$5,214 | \$359 | \$452 | \$168 | \$374 | \$353 | \$1,298 |
| Germantown | \$8,979 | \$5,318 | \$390 | \$620 | \$106 | \$425 | \$512 | \$1,607 |
| Hartford Union | \$8,787 | \$5,554 | \$332 | \$519 | \$294 | \$338 | \$332 | \$1,417 |
| Erin | \$9,191 | \$6,062 | \$237 | \$341 | \$116 | \$686 | \$407 | \$1,343 |
| Friess Lake | \$8,591 | \$5,655 | \$178 | \$351 | \$562 | \$0 | \$354 | \$1,490 |
| Hartford J1 | \$8,456 | \$5,707 | \$331 | \$505 | \$170 | \$380 | \$242 | \$1,120 |
| Hartford UHS | \$9,116 | \$5,335 | \$416 | \$646 | \$236 | \$405 | \$278 | \$1,799 |
| Herman #22 | \$9,392 | \$4,946 | \$234 | \$650 | \$647 | \$457 | \$748 | \$1,709 |
| Neosho J3 | \$8,396 | \$5,688 | \$61 | \$447 | \$810 | \$5 | \$536 | \$849 |
| Richfield J1 | \$8,544 | \$5,707 | \$356 | \$252 | \$315 | \$94 | \$546 | \$1,274 |
| Rubicon J6 | \$8,594 | \$4,979 | \$220 | \$666 | \$1,186 | \$0 | \$467 | \$1,077 |
| Kewaskum | \$7,714 | \$4,791 | \$273 | \$307 | \$210 | \$327 | \$415 | \$1,390 |
| Slinger | \$7,246 | \$4,713 | \$367 | \$378 | \$134 | \$413 | \$330 | \$911 |
| West Bend | \$7,960 | \$5,252 | \$385 | \$387 | \$112 | \$370 | \$275 | \$1,180 |
| Waukesha County | \$9,168 | \$5,610 | \$423 | \$432 | \$169 | \$469 | \$400 | \$1,665 |
| Arrowhead Union | \$8,806 | \$5,396 | \$392 | \$511 | \$455 | \$253 | \$289 | \$1,510 |
| Arrowhead UHS | \$9,725 | \$5,790 | \$625 | \$434 | \$152 | \$397 | \$361 | \$1,966 |
| Hartland-Lakeside | \$8,520 | \$5,270 | \$331 | \$607 | \$330 | \$349 | \$246 | \$1,387 |
| Lake Country | \$9,448 | \$5,987 | \$240 | \$630 | \$1,195 | \$0 | \$304 | \$1,092 |
| Merton Community | \$7,030 | \$4,595 | \$231 | \$403 | \$389 | \$248 | \$193 | \$971 |
| North Lake | \$7,453 | \$4,300 | \$160 | \$409 | \$1,021 | \$0 | \$301 | \$1,261 |
| Richmond | \$8,021 | \$4,843 | \$254 | \$619 | \$517 | \$130 | \$271 | \$1,387 |
| Stone Bank | \$10,006 | \$6,816 | \$411 | \$440 | \$816 | \$0 | \$287 | \$1,236 |
| Swallow | \$9,208 | \$5,165 | \$235 | \$779 | \$876 | \$0 | \$239 | \$1,914 |
| Elmbrook | \$11,523 | \$6,794 | \$543 | \$556 | \$133 | \$360 | \$451 | \$2,688 |
| Hamilton | \$8,557 | \$5,203 | \$363 | \$376 | \$252 | \$424 | \$406 | \$1,533 |
| Kettle Moraine | \$8,685 | \$5,365 | \$431 | \$307 | \$82 | \$437 | \$451 | \$1,613 |
| Menomonee Falls | \$10,036 | \$6,046 | \$525 | \$414 | \$200 | \$568 | \$369 | \$1,914 |
| Mukwonago | \$8,179 | \$5,288 | \$380 | \$508 | \$53 | \$509 | \$456 | \$985 |
| Muskego-Norway | \$8,546 | \$5,261 | \$386 | \$474 | \$183 | \$485 | \$438 | \$1,319 |
| New Berlin | \$10,678 | \$6,376 | \$176 | \$364 | \$223 | \$776 | \$475 | \$2,288 |
| Norris | \$19,549 | \$11,760 | \$3,385 | \$350 | \$1,628 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,426 |

Table 1 (Page 2 of 3)



2001-2002 Budgeted Per Pupil School Operations Expenses

| | Total Per Pupil School Operations Expenses | Instruction | Pupil Services | Instructional Staff Services | General Admin. | Building Admin. | Transportation | Other |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Oconomowoc Area | \$8,281 | \$5,101 | \$414 | \$443 | \$75 | \$466 | \$365 | \$1,416 |
| Pewaukee | \$8,730 | \$5,142 | \$407 | \$557 | \$197 | \$454 | \$332 | \$1,640 |
| Waukesha | \$8,525 | \$5,334 | \$462 | \$347 | \$83 | \$501 | \$379 | \$1,419 |
| Kenosha County | \$8,361 | \$5,181 | \$475 | \$473 | \$151 | \$375 | \$253 | \$1,452 |
| Central/Westosha Union | \$7,902 | \$4,830 | \$344 | \$412 | \$322 | \$402 | \$331 | \$1,261 |
| *Brighton #1 | \$8,433 | \$4,936 | \$246 | \$529 | \$161 | \$790 | \$488 | \$1,282 |
| Bristol | \$8,093 | \$4,972 | \$278 | \$565 | \$420 | \$325 | \$315 | \$1,218 |
| Central/Westosha UHS | \$8,538 | \$5,408 | \$478 | \$407 | \$312 | \$430 | \$252 | \$1,250 |
| Paris | \$8,406 | \$5,042 | \$235 | \$270 | \$23 | \$761 | \$381 | \$1,694 |
| *Salem | \$7,086 | \$4,201 | \$285 | \$357 | \$364 | \$291 | \$377 | \$1,211 |
| Kenosha | \$8,487 | \$5,263 | \$504 | \$502 | \$57 | \$406 | \$235 | \$1,521 |
| Wilmot Union | \$8,060 | \$5,033 | \$430 | \$367 | \$517 | \$187 | \$283 | \$1,243 |
| Randall | \$7,077 | \$4,650 | \$191 | \$504 | \$505 | \$0 | \$319 | \$908 |
| Silver Lake | \$7,662 | \$4,924 | \$390 | \$375 | \$403 | \$210 | \$235 | \$1,124 |
| Trevor Graded | \$9,070 | \$5,657 | \$808 | \$321 | \$823 | \$95 | \$186 | \$1,181 |
| Twin Lakes | \$8,203 | \$4,962 | \$255 | \$499 | \$796 | \$0 | \$265 | \$1,425 |
| *Wheatland | \$7,814 | \$4,880 | \$197 | \$351 | \$544 | \$224 | \$386 | \$1,231 |
| Wilmot Graded | \$9,117 | \$4,973 | \$184 | \$106 | \$895 | \$196 | \$285 | \$2,479 |
| Wilmot UHS | \$8,453 | \$5,224 | \$682 | \$290 | \$315 | \$368 | \$277 | \$1,298 |
| Walworth County | \$7,754 | \$4,726 | \$338 | \$343 | \$234 | \$408 | \$322 | \$1,383 |
| Big Foot Union | \$8,849 | \$5,111 | \$444 | \$596 | \$881 | \$0 | \$301 | \$1,517 |
| Big Foot UHS | \$9,850 | \$5,440 | \$737 | \$696 | \$866 | \$0 | \$418 | \$1,695 |
| Fontana | \$10,715 | \$6,130 | \$487 | \$527 | \$1,343 | \$0 | \$465 | \$1,765 |
| Linn J6 | \$11,313 | \$6,770 | \$286 | \$952 | \$1,934 | \$0 | \$180 | \$1,191 |
| Sharon | \$8,142 | \$4,920 | \$256 | \$357 | \$822 | \$0 | \$176 | \$1,610 |
| Walworth | \$6,776 | \$4,022 | \$267 | \$592 | \$475 | \$0 | \$197 | \$1,223 |
| Delavan-Darien | \$7,014 | \$4,331 | \$352 | \$356 | \$87 | \$422 | \$311 | \$1,155 |
| East Troy Community | \$7,540 | \$4,716 | \$299 | \$255 | \$151 | \$363 | \$331 | \$1,426 |
| Elkhorn Area | \$7,321 | \$4,341 | \$307 | \$322 | \$135 | \$627 | \$314 | \$1,275 |
| Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union | \$8,069 | \$5,093 | \$374 | \$285 | \$175 | \$430 | \$345 | \$1,367 |
| Geneva | \$11,499 | \$7,231 | \$88 | \$354 | \$1,536 | \$0 | \$469 | \$1,821 |
| Genoa City | \$6,781 | \$4,074 | \$274 | \$280 | \$316 | \$415 | \$331 | \$1,092 |
| Lake Geneva | \$7,276 | \$4,654 | \$431 | \$287 | \$84 | \$438 | \$266 | \$1,116 |
| Lake Geneva-Genoa City UHS | \$9,196 | \$5,859 | \$370 | \$281 | \$107 | \$347 | \$441 | \$1,791 |
| Linn J4 | \$14,083 | \$8,259 | \$344 | \$228 | \$188 | \$2,353 | \$608 | \$2,103 |
| Whitewater | \$7,560 | \$4,421 | \$268 | \$321 | \$144 | \$402 | \$341 | \$1,664 |
| Williams Bay | \$9,330 | \$6,072 | \$248 | \$322 | \$381 | \$635 | \$226 | \$1,446 |
| Southeastern Wisconsin | \$8,883 | \$5,437 | \$412 | \$438 | \$177 | \$498 | \$410 | \$1,511 |
| State of Wisconsin | \$8,610 | \$5,336 | \$392 | \$446 | \$179 | \$458 | \$382 | \$1,418 |

*Denotes districts that send students to more than one union high school.

Table 1 (Page 3 of 3)



51 Regional Districts Ranked by Staffing Considerations

| District | Pupils per Teacher | | % Minority Teachers | | Average Teacher Salary | | Average Teacher Fringe Benefits | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | Rank | Pupils | Rank | Percent | Rank | Salary | Rank | Fringe |
| Milwaukee County | | | | | | | | |
| Brown Deer | 7 | 13.0 | 3 | 8.55% | 9 | \$48,695 | 9 | \$18,129 |
| Cudahy | 6 | 12.9 | 35 | 0.00% | 10 | \$47,272 | 34 | \$16,684 |
| Franklin | 10 | 13.3 | 18 | 1.47% | 27 | \$43,236 | 28 | \$17,081 |
| Greendale | 24 | 14.5 | 35 | 0.00% | 1 | \$52,288 | 3 | \$19,099 |
| Greenfield | 16 | 14.0 | 31 | 0.46% | 24 | \$44,513 | 6 | \$18,680 |
| Milwaukee | 50 | 17.0 | 1 | 29.27% | 35 | \$42,722 | 1 | \$23,499 |
| **Nicolet Union | 3 | 12.2 | 10 | 2.81% | 4 | \$50,208 | 4 | \$19,038 |
| Oak Creek-Franklin | 49 | 16.6 | 27 | 0.68% | 13 | \$46,787 | 40 | \$16,301 |
| Saint Francis | 12 | 13.6 | 13 | 2.31% | 43 | \$42,009 | 45 | \$14,749 |
| Shorewood | 2 | 11.4 | 5 | 5.01% | 12 | \$47,039 | 11 | \$17,926 |
| South Milwaukee | 15 | 13.9 | 35 | 0.00% | 26 | \$43,821 | 50 | \$13,139 |
| Wauwatosa | 7 | 13.0 | 8 | 3.41% | 34 | \$42,781 | 46 | \$14,085 |
| West Allis | 18 | 14.1 | 21 | 1.00% | 14 | \$46,261 | 22 | \$17,262 |
| Whitefish Bay | 11 | 13.4 | 6 | 4.87% | 32 | \$42,911 | 31 | \$16,976 |
| Whitnall | 27 | 14.9 | 35 | 0.00% | 16 | \$45,616 | 25 | \$17,211 |
| Ozaukee County | | | | | | | | |
| Cedarburg | 43 | 15.9 | 20 | 1.09% | 23 | \$44,580 | 32 | \$16,957 |
| Grafton | 18 | 14.1 | 35 | 0.00% | 15 | \$45,994 | 5 | \$18,750 |
| Mequon-Thiensville | 27 | 14.9 | 9 | 3.39% | 6 | \$49,661 | 2 | \$19,928 |
| Northern Ozaukee | 31 | 15.1 | 14 | 1.66% | 30 | \$43,165 | 8 | \$18,291 |
| Port Washington-Saukville | 39 | 15.6 | 30 | 0.57% | 3 | \$51,710 | 7 | \$18,300 |
| Racine County | | | | | | | | |
| Burlington Area | 41 | 15.7 | 24 | 0.87% | 29 | \$43,206 | 38 | \$16,595 |
| Racine | 47 | 16.1 | 2 | 9.66% | 21 | \$44,756 | 51 | \$12,550 |
| **Union Grove Union | 13 | 13.7 | 35 | 0.00% | 37 | \$42,649 | 27 | \$17,124 |
| **Waterford Union | 25 | 14.6 | 35 | 0.00% | 50 | \$37,955 | 35 | \$16,677 |
| Washington County | | | | | | | | |
| Germantown | 22 | 14.2 | 23 | 0.88% | 39 | \$42,339 | 29 | \$17,066 |
| **Hartford Union | 22 | 14.2 | 33 | 0.30% | 25 | \$44,357 | 20 | \$17,415 |
| Kewaskum | 32 | 15.1 | 35 | 0.00% | 31 | \$43,154 | 19 | \$17,452 |
| Slinger | 51 | 17.2 | 35 | 0.00% | 18 | \$45,356 | 36 | \$16,640 |
| West Bend | 36 | 15.5 | 34 | 0.24% | 22 | \$44,613 | 13 | \$17,809 |
| Waukesha County | | | | | | | | |
| **Arrowhead Union | 18 | 14.1 | 26 | 0.73% | 33 | \$42,850 | 33 | \$16,784 |
| Elmbrook | 14 | 13.8 | 15 | 1.61% | 8 | \$48,889 | 18 | \$17,507 |
| Hamilton | 32 | 15.1 | 19 | 1.18% | 20 | \$45,011 | 43 | \$15,634 |
| Kettle Moraine | 32 | 15.1 | 35 | 0.00% | 17 | \$45,501 | 39 | \$16,576 |
| Menomonee Falls | 5 | 12.8 | 11 | 2.42% | 38 | \$42,497 | 47 | \$13,730 |
| Mukwonago | 36 | 15.5 | 28 | 0.63% | 19 | \$45,320 | 26 | \$17,205 |
| Muskego-Norway | 43 | 15.9 | 35 | 0.00% | 5 | \$50,171 | 17 | \$17,540 |
| New Berlin | 26 | 14.8 | 22 | 0.98% | 2 | \$51,864 | 10 | \$18,081 |
| *Norris | 1 | 5.9 | 35 | 0.00% | 51 | \$36,874 | 48 | \$13,529 |
| Oconomowoc Area | 46 | 16.0 | 35 | 0.00% | 11 | \$47,041 | 16 | \$17,649 |
| Pewaukee | 35 | 15.2 | 35 | 0.00% | 28 | \$43,208 | 22 | \$17,262 |
| Waukesha | 27 | 14.9 | 16 | 1.59% | 7 | \$49,553 | 15 | \$17,654 |
| Kenosha County | | | | | | | | |
| **Central/Westosha Union | 48 | 16.5 | 35 | 0.00% | 40 | \$42,229 | 21 | \$17,329 |
| Kenosha | 27 | 14.9 | 4 | 6.60% | 47 | \$40,445 | 49 | \$13,199 |
| **Wilmot Union | 16 | 14.0 | 32 | 0.37% | 49 | \$38,071 | 42 | \$16,142 |
| Walworth County | | | | | | | | |
| **Big Foot Union | 9 | 13.2 | 25 | 0.77% | 48 | \$38,479 | 41 | \$16,266 |
| Delavan-Darien | 36 | 15.5 | 7 | 4.64% | 45 | \$41,221 | 12 | \$17,900 |
| East Troy Community | 39 | 15.6 | 35 | 0.00% | 44 | \$41,955 | 24 | \$17,236 |
| Elkhorn Area | 43 | 15.9 | 28 | 0.63% | 36 | \$42,714 | 37 | \$16,623 |
| **Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union | 18 | 14.1 | 17 | 1.57% | 46 | \$40,959 | 14 | \$17,708 |
| Whitewater | 41 | 15.7 | 35 | 0.00% | 41 | \$42,190 | 44 | \$14,908 |
| Williams Bay | 4 | 12.7 | 12 | 2.37% | 42 | \$42,101 | 30 | \$17,020 |

*Norris is an alternative school that cannot be accurately compared to other districts. It is included here because it is technically a regional district.

**Union districts include feeder elementary schools for ranking purposes.



Attendance

Attendance Overview — 2000-2001

| Geographic Area | Attendance Rate | Above/ Below State Average | Days Absent Per Pupil |
|---|--|--|--|
| State of Wisconsin 7-County Area | 94.19% 92.52% | -1.67 | 10.12 13.07 |
| Milwaukee County | 90.03% | -4.16 | 17.26 |
| Milwaukee (MPS) Milwaukee Suburbs Brown Deer Cudahy Franklin Public Greendale Greenfield <i>Nicolet Union</i> Oak Creek-Franklin Saint Francis Shorewood South Milwaukee Wauwatosa West Allis Whitefish Bay Whitnall | 87.21% 95.42% 95.67% 95.48% 95.53% 95.71% 95.21% 95.54% 95.39% 93.53% 95.41% 95.16% 95.38% 95.09% 96.70% 95.97% | -6.98 1.23 1.48 1.29 1.34 1.52 1.02 1.35 1.20 -0.66 1.22 0.97 1.19 0.90 2.51 1.78 | 22.18 7.91 7.77 8.16 8.02 7.73 8.56 7.77 8.00 10.94 8.09 8.42 7.92 7.82 5.61 7.19 |
| Ozaukee County | 95.91% | 1.72 | 7.20 |
| Cedarburg Grafton Mequon-Thiensville Northern Ozaukee Port Washington-Saukville | 96.38% 95.76% 96.20% 96.03% 94.98% | 2.19 1.57 2.01 1.84 0.79 | 6.49 7.39 6.68 6.92 8.72 |
| Racine County | 93.24% | -0.95 | 11.84 |
| Burlington Area Racine <i>Union Grove Union</i> Waterford Union | 95.02% 92.45% 95.68% 94.89% | 0.83 -1.74 1.49 0.70 | 8.97 13.11 7.75 9.02 |
| Washington County | 95.83% | 1.64 | 7.40 |
| Germantown <i>Hartford Union</i> Kewaskum Slinger West Bend | 95.91% 95.60% 95.81% 96.53% 95.67% | 1.72 1.41 1.62 2.34 1.48 | 7.13 7.68 7.35 6.09 7.90 |
| Waukesha County | 95.87% | 1.68 | 7.27 |
| Arrowhead Union Elmbrook Hamilton Kettle Moraine Menomonee Falls Mukwonago Muskego-Norway New Berlin Norris Oconomowoc Area Pewaukee Waukesha | 96.17% 96.09% 95.58% 95.69% 95.93% 95.17% 95.43% 96.12% 91.60% 96.37% 95.18% 96.04% | 1.98 1.90 1.39 1.50 1.74 0.98 1.24 1.93 -2.59 2.18 0.99 1.85 | 6.84 6.69 7.66 7.73 7.13 8.35 8.10 6.92 10.70 6.40 8.22 7.07 |
| Kenosha County | 92.85% | -1.34 | 12.84 |
| Central/Westosha Union Kenosha <i>Wilmet Union</i> | 94.24% 92.42% 94.04% | 0.05 -1.77 -0.15 | 10.15 13.68 10.55 |
| Walworth County | 94.38% | 0.19 | 9.77 |
| Big Foot Union Delavan-Darien East Troy Community Elkhorn Area <i>Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union</i> Whitewater Williams Bay | 94.64% 92.72% 94.31% 95.21% 94.43% 94.99% 95.12% | 0.45 -1.47 0.12 1.02 0.24 0.80 0.93 | 9.20 12.30 9.69 8.36 9.80 8.97 8.69 |

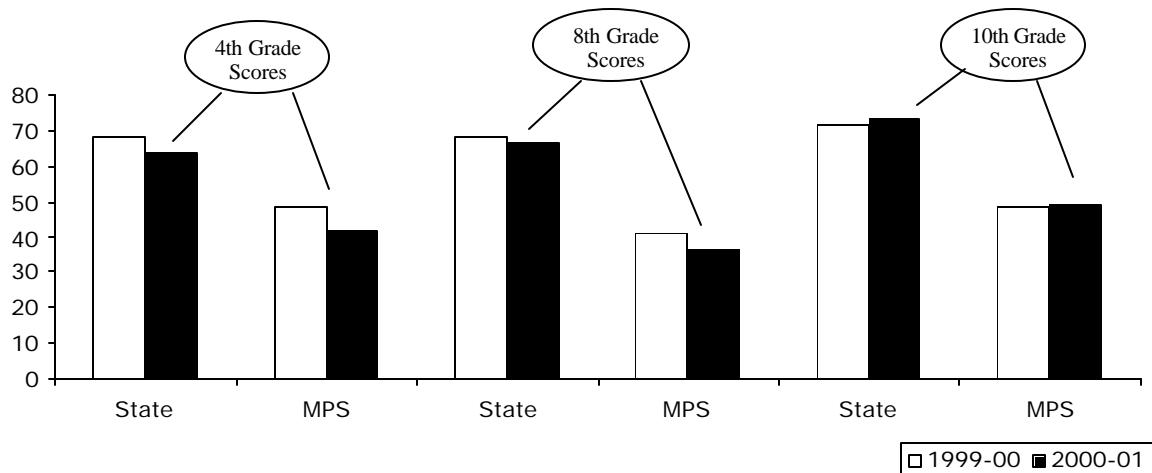
Table 3

Performance



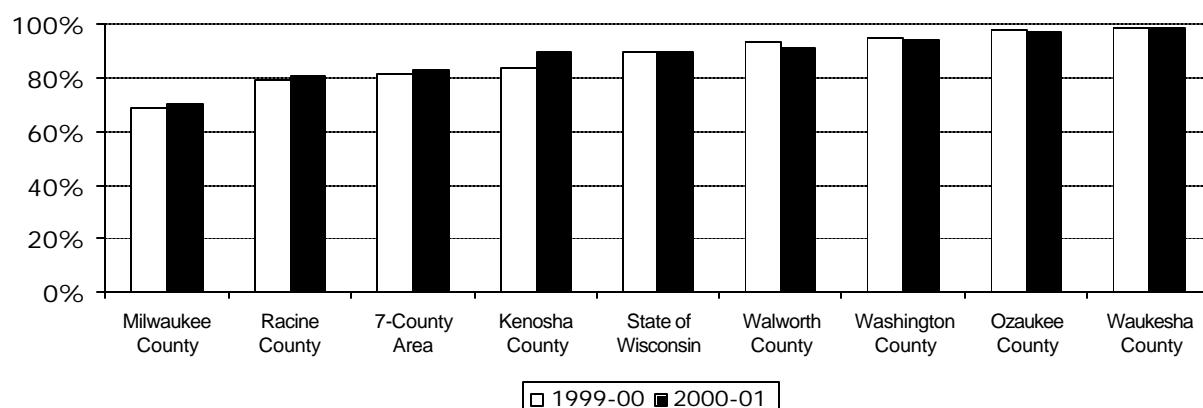
Knowledge and Concept Exams

These exams are administered in the 4th, 8th, and 10th grades. In 2000-01 the 4th and 8th grade national percentile scores were substantially lower than the previous year. The 4th grade scores for the State of Wisconsin in 2000-01 were 4.6 points lower than in 1999-00 and MPS' scores were 6.8 points lower. The 8th grade scores decreased 1.6 points from 1999-00 to 2000-01 at the state level and 4.8 points in MPS. The tenth grade scores were the only scores to show an increase from 1999-00 to 2000-01, with an increase of 1.8 points at the state level and 1 point for MPS students.



Graduation Rates

The graduation rate for the State of Wisconsin was 89.95% for 2000-01, which represents an increase of 0.6 percentage points from 1999-00. The seven-county area graduation rate was 82.62% for 2000-01, an increase of 1.32 percentage points. In the region, four out of the seven counties had one-year increases in their graduation rates. MPS' rate increased 2.9 percentage points to 54.73% in 2000-01.



51 Districts Ranked By *Attendance, Retention, and Expulsion*

| District | Attendance Rank | Attendance Rate | Retention Rank | Retention Rate | Expulsion Rank | Expulsion Rate |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Milwaukee County | | | | | | |
| Brown Deer | 19 | 95.67% | 39 | 1.11% | 29 | 0.06% |
| Cudahy | 25 | 95.48% | 37 | 1.16% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Franklin | 24 | 95.53% | 35 | 1.18% | 18 | 0.18% |
| Greendale | 16 | 95.71% | 42 | 0.70% | 18 | 0.18% |
| Greenfield | 30 | 95.21% | 23 | 1.82% | 15 | 0.22% |
| Milwaukee | 51 | 87.21% | 2 | 9.85% | 11 | 0.25% |
| Nicolet Union | 23 | 95.54% | 44 | 0.34% | 36 | 0.03% |
| Oak Creek-Franklin | 28 | 95.39% | 5 | 4.72% | 23 | 0.12% |
| Saint Francis | 46 | 93.53% | 11 | 3.48% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Shorewood | 27 | 95.41% | 32 | 1.26% | 9 | 0.27% |
| South Milwaukee | 34 | 95.16% | 1 | 27.16%* | 8 | 0.31% |
| Wauwatosa | 29 | 95.38% | 15 | 2.60% | 27 | 0.07% |
| West Allis | 36 | 95.09% | 21 | 1.90% | 3 | 0.44% |
| Whitefish Bay | 1 | 96.70% | 50 | 0.00% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Whitnall | 11 | 95.97% | 36 | 1.17% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Ozaukee County | | | | | | |
| Cedarburg | 3 | 96.38% | 26 | 1.52% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Grafton | 15 | 95.76% | 41 | 1.00% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Mequon-Thiensville | 5 | 96.20% | 45 | 0.33% | 32 | 0.05% |
| Northern Ozaukee | 10 | 96.03% | 19 | 2.11% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Port Washington-Saukville | 39 | 94.98% | 14 | 2.93% | 14 | 0.23% |
| Racine County | | | | | | |
| Burlington Area | 37 | 95.02% | 17 | 2.56% | 29 | 0.06% |
| Racine | 48 | 92.45% | 6 | 4.62% | 12 | 0.24% |
| Union Grove Union | 18 | 95.68% | 7 | 4.16% | 32 | 0.05% |
| Waterford Union | 40 | 94.89% | 24 | 1.74% | 27 | 0.07% |
| Washington County | | | | | | |
| Germantown | 13 | 95.91% | 38 | 1.14% | 36 | 0.03% |
| Hartford Union | 21 | 95.60% | 34 | 1.20% | 6 | 0.36% |
| Kewaskum | 14 | 95.81% | 18 | 2.20% | 5 | 0.37% |
| Slinger | 2 | 96.53% | 29 | 1.31% | 34 | 0.04% |
| West Bend | 19 | 95.67% | 48 | 0.02% | 25 | 0.10% |
| Waukesha County | | | | | | |
| Arrowhead Union | 6 | 96.17% | 40 | 1.04% | 36 | 0.03% |
| Elmbrook | 8 | 96.09% | 10 | 3.55% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Hamilton | 22 | 95.58% | 16 | 2.58% | 16 | 0.21% |
| Kettle Moraine | 17 | 95.69% | 45 | 0.33% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Menomonee Falls | 12 | 95.93% | 48 | 0.02% | 23 | 0.12% |
| Mukwonago | 33 | 95.17% | 9 | 3.75% | 29 | 0.06% |
| Muskego-Norway | 26 | 95.43% | 12 | 3.26% | 34 | 0.04% |
| New Berlin | 7 | 96.12% | 27 | 1.51% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Norris | 50 | 91.60% | 50 | 0.00% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Oconomowoc Area | 4 | 96.37% | 25 | 1.60% | 17 | 0.19% |
| Pewaukee | 32 | 95.18% | 33 | 1.21% | 22 | 0.14% |
| Waukesha | 9 | 96.04% | 43 | 0.60% | 12 | 0.24% |
| Kenosha County | | | | | | |
| Central/Westosha Union | 44 | 94.24% | 30 | 1.28% | 4 | 0.41% |
| Kenosha | 49 | 92.42% | 3 | 6.69% | 20 | 0.16% |
| Wilmot Union | 45 | 94.04% | 13 | 2.96% | 20 | 0.16% |
| Walworth County | | | | | | |
| Big Foot Union | 41 | 94.64% | 28 | 1.46% | 2 | 0.52% |
| Delavan-Darien | 47 | 92.72% | 8 | 3.86% | 10 | 0.26% |
| East Troy Community | 43 | 94.31% | 31 | 1.27% | 39 | 0.00% |
| Elkhorn Area | 30 | 95.21% | 20 | 1.99% | 6 | 0.36% |
| Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union | 42 | 94.43% | 4 | 5.01% | 1 | 0.78% |
| Whitewater | 38 | 94.99% | 22 | 1.83% | 25 | 0.10% |
| Williams Bay | 35 | 95.12% | 47 | 0.19% | 39 | 0.00% |

*South Milwaukee's retentions appear to be overcounted in the DPI data.

Table 4



51 Districts Ranked By *Truancy, Dropouts, and Suspensions*

| District | Rank | Truancy Rate | Dropout Rank | Dropout Rate | Suspension Rank | Suspension Rate |
|------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Milwaukee County | | | | | | |
| Brown Deer | 49 | 0.29% | 48 | 0.00% | 9 | 7.10% |
| Cudahy | 7 | 6.28% | 12 | 1.41% | 4 | 8.45% |
| Franklin | 25 | 2.38% | 46 | 0.15% | 28 | 4.25% |
| Greendale | 38 | 1.21% | 26 | 0.72% | 21 | 4.95% |
| Greenfield | 21 | 2.74% | 23 | 0.86% | 11 | 6.60% |
| Milwaukee | 1 | 40.16% | 1 | 10.54% | 1 | 20.17% |
| Nicolet Union | 41 | 1.09% | 45 | 0.22% | 33 | 3.61% |
| Oak Creek-Franklin | 13 | 3.67% | 13 | 1.40% | 26 | 4.46% |
| Saint Francis | 4 | 8.98% | 21 | 1.02% | 7 | 7.49% |
| Shorewood | 45 | 0.75% | 48 | 0.00% | 30 | 3.82% |
| South Milwaukee | 51 | 0.00%* | 10 | 1.82% | 16 | 5.38% |
| Wauwatosa | 8 | 6.17% | 38 | 0.30% | 23 | 4.81% |
| West Allis | 33 | 1.50% | 14 | 1.39% | 5 | 8.11% |
| Whitefish Bay | 45 | 0.75% | 43 | 0.23% | 48 | 1.48% |
| Whitnall | 23 | 2.50% | 48 | 0.00% | 39 | 3.08% |
| Ozaukee County | | | | | | |
| Cedarburg | 12 | 3.95% | 39 | 0.28% | 34 | 3.49% |
| Grafton | 5 | 6.76% | 31 | 0.53% | 41 | 2.96% |
| Mequon-Thiensville | 38 | 1.21% | 34 | 0.45% | 49 | 1.45% |
| Northern Ozaukee | 40 | 1.17% | 29 | 0.60% | 46 | 2.22% |
| Port Washington-Saukville | 24 | 2.44% | 9 | 2.03% | 15 | 5.52% |
| Racine County | | | | | | |
| Burlington Area | 27 | 1.98% | 17 | 1.25% | 18 | 5.19% |
| Racine | 2 | 36.51% | 2 | 4.91% | 2 | 15.23% |
| Union Grove Union | 31 | 1.58% | 25 | 0.76% | 31 | 3.77% |
| Waterford Union | 17 | 3.14% | 19 | 1.11% | 20 | 5.02% |
| Washington County | | | | | | |
| Germantown | 20 | 2.82% | 24 | 0.82% | 19 | 5.09% |
| Hartford Union | 28 | 1.91% | 7 | 2.41% | 35 | 3.44% |
| Kewaskum | 26 | 2.14% | 6 | 2.52% | 47 | 1.83% |
| Slinger | 35 | 1.35% | 11 | 1.44% | 50 | 1.16% |
| West Bend | 10 | 4.73% | 32 | 0.49% | 40 | 3.07% |
| Waukesha County | | | | | | |
| Arrowhead Union | 29 | 1.82% | 33 | 0.46% | 42 | 2.95% |
| Elmbrook | 50 | 0.26% | 43 | 0.23% | 44 | 2.71% |
| Hamilton | 18 | 3.07% | 36 | 0.34% | 37 | 3.24% |
| Kettle Moraine | 34 | 1.44% | 42 | 0.27% | 43 | 2.83% |
| Menomonee Falls | 32 | 1.52% | 47 | 0.07% | 36 | 3.43% |
| Mukwonago | 36 | 1.33% | 35 | 0.39% | 12 | 6.56% |
| Muskego-Norway | 47 | 0.72% | 39 | 0.28% | 25 | 4.49% |
| New Berlin | 43 | 0.98% | 37 | 0.31% | 27 | 4.38% |
| Norris | 22 | 2.70% | 48 | 0.00% | 51 | 0.00% |
| Oconomowoc Area | 44 | 0.76% | 27 | 0.68% | 32 | 3.66% |
| Pewaukee | 48 | 0.58% | 28 | 0.63% | 24 | 4.58% |
| Waukesha | 37 | 1.22% | 39 | 0.28% | 29 | 4.06% |
| Kenosha County | | | | | | |
| Central/Westosha Union | 42 | 1.05% | 20 | 1.06% | 14 | 5.73% |
| Kenosha | 3 | 19.22% | 8 | 2.14% | 3 | 12.52% |
| Wilmot Union | 9 | 5.11% | 30 | 0.58% | 8 | 7.28% |
| Walworth County | | | | | | |
| Big Foot Union | 14 | 3.58% | 4 | 2.67% | 22 | 4.83% |
| Delavan-Darien | 6 | 6.46% | 3 | 3.25% | 6 | 7.81% |
| East Troy Community | 19 | 2.95% | 15 | 1.29% | 45 | 2.54% |
| Elkhorn Area | 30 | 1.71% | 16 | 1.27% | 38 | 3.22% |
| Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union | 11 | 4.14% | 22 | 0.90% | 13 | 6.36% |
| Whitewater | 16 | 3.37% | 5 | 2.61% | 17 | 5.29% |
| Williams Bay | 15 | 3.56% | 18 | 1.16% | 10 | 6.93% |

*South Milwaukee's habitual truants appear to be undercounted in the DPI data.

Table 5



The 2002 Schooling Report

A Snapshot of Schools in Southeastern Wisconsin:

- There are 94 school districts in the seven counties of Southeastern Wisconsin. These districts include 41 traditional K-12 districts, 43 K-8 districts, nine high school districts, and one alternative school district for at-risk adolescent students.
- There were 315,911 students enrolled in the regional schools in 2001-02, up 0.6% from 2000-01.
- The average student-to-teacher ratio in Southeastern Wisconsin schools in 2001-02 was 15.4:1.
- Over 17% of the region's students were habitually truant in 2000-01, a rate that was spurred on by the Milwaukee Public Schools' 40% truancy rate.
- Southeastern Wisconsin teachers were paid an average of \$44,139 in 2001-02 and received an average fringe benefits package totaling \$18,308.
- The regional graduation rate in 2000-01 was 82.6%, up 1.3 percentage points from 1999-00.

To order a copy of the 2002 *Public Schooling in Southeastern Wisconsin* report, contact the Forum:

633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 406

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: 414-276-8240 Fax: 414-276-9962 Email: ppf@execpc.com

President: **Jeffrey C. Browne**

Senior Researcher: **Emily Van Dunk, Ph.D.**

Researcher: **Anneliese M. Dickman, J.D.**

Researcher: **Richard L. Kenyon**

Office Manager: **Catherine A. Crother**

Research Assistant: **Amy Schwabe**

Research Intern: **Jeffrey K. Schmidt**